

THE "MIGHTY" FIFTH DISTRICT

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MEMBERSHIP for the 2008/2009 year.....

John's "Mighty 5th" box scores as of December 23, 2008

POST	GOAL	TOTAL	%	DEL.
Group "A" (Over 300)				
21	799	602	75.34	18
111	331	306	92.45	* 8
165	356	312	87.64	9
182	309	237	76.70	8
	1,795	1,457	81.17	43

POST	GOAL	TOTAL	%	DEL.
Group "C" (100-199)				
37	135	113	83.70	5
101	188	163	86.70	6
104	141	98	69.50	5
179	144	107	74.31	5
194	194	172	88.66	* 6
313	149	126	84.56	5
338	114	99	86.84	4
540	104	86	82.69	4
	1,169	964	82.46	40

POST	GOAL	TOTAL	%	DEL.
Group "D" (1-99)				
178	54	48	88.89	3
231	26	22	84.62	2
284	35	8	22.86	3
293	89	90	101.12	** 4
306	47	50	106.38	* ** 3
489	99	98	98.99	4
603	37	24	64.86	3
850	20	15	75.00	2
	407	355	87.22	* 24

POST	GOAL	TOTAL	%	DEL.
Group "B" (200-300)				
28	239	201	84.10	7
113	240	189	78.75	7
199	212	197	92.92	* 6
208	219	171	78.08	6
437	292	242	82.88	8
550	257	231	89.88	7
	1,459	1,231	84.37	41

District Total: (4,830) 4,007 82.96%
(May 08) Delegates 148 + 4 = 152

NOTE: * Indicates Group Leaders
** Indicates 100% Posts/Groups

COMMANDER, DAVID PRICE:

The Holidays are well over now and I hope they were wonderful for all. I had the pleasure of attending the Reams Post 182 Christmas dinner and the annual Pearl Harbor Survivor breakfast in Santa Rosa.

We are now in the second half the 2008-2009 administrative year and there is a lot ahead for us to do. The last District membership standings report, as of December 23, 2008, indicated that District 5 was at 82.96 % of its goal of 4,830 members. That's not bad, but we all know that the last 18% is really tough to attain. I'm sure that Vice-Commander John Aldridge will be having more to say on this subject.

I also encourage all Posts to participate in as many as possible of the American Legion commissioned programs, such as Scouting, Boys State, High School Oritorical Contest, Baseball, etc.

I'm looking forward to a great turnout at our next 5th District meeting, on January 18th, at Petaluma Post 28.

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FIRST VICE-COMMANDER, JOHN H. ALDRIDGE: (NOTE: Please pay attention to the enclosed survey)

I want to take this opportunity to thank all Post Commanders and everyone involved in membership. Thank you for the excellent work you've been doing. As you can see from above, the District has 4,007 members paid for 82.96% of membership goal. The District is in 9th place in Department standings and 2nd place in Group "C". Area 1 is at 82.19% and ranks 1st in Area standings. Department is at 74.80% of goal. Now look above at your post and see where you stand. Each Post should be at or above the Department Goal. Send in those renewals; please do not hold on to them.

If you need help, please give me a call. The easiest way to contact me is via email (listed below), or you may call and leave a message. Please give the status of any Post 1,000 transfers or Project Stay Alive you have received in your Post report. Thank you, God Bless you and I hope to see you all at the District meeting in Petaluma.

John H. Aldridge 5th District First Vice Commander 2385 Burgandy Way, Fairfield, CA 94533 (707)208-5333
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JANUARY 2009 DISTRICT MEETING:

****** NOTE: Please bring a gift (white elephant) for our raffle ******

The next District meeting will be Sunday, January 18, 2008. Hosted by Petaluma Post 28. It will be held in Petaluma, at the Petaluma Veterans Memorial building, 1094 Petaluma Blvd. South, Petaluma, CA. (707)763-6547 The meeting will start at 10:00am, with Coffee and Do-nuts prior to the meeting (about 9:00am). A lunch will be offered for a nominal cost.

5th DISTRICT ADJUTANT, ROBERT R. SAFRENO:

The next District meeting is our third meeting of the year and we would like to have every **POST** there. Please have a written report on hand when you make any reports at the District meeting. It will make it easier on us to keep accurate records of the proceedings. My mailing list is based on the 2007/2008 Department Roster as we have not received an update roster from Department. If your find and error or need to make a change, please let me know, so that I can update the data base.

NOTE: I am sending out the District bulletin, by e-mail to those that have e-mail addresses. It will accomplish three (3) things, we will save money on postage and you will receive the bulletin faster and your copy will be in color if you have a color printer. **THIS MONTH THERE IS A SURVEY ATTACHED PLEASE FILL OUT!!**

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5th DISTRICT PRESIDENT, Nancy Evers

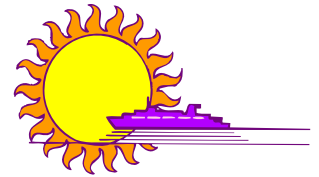


“Charting a course to New horizons”

Greetings ladies:

Wow, here it is mid-year already! We only have three more meetings. January 18th in Petaluma is our next meeting. I'm hoping to see a lot of you there. We should have some great information after our DEC meeting in Ridgecrest. Don't forget if you have questions you can call, but the District meeting is full of answers!! Hope all of you had a good Holiday Season and that 2009 will be good for all. Take care and see you soon ... Legion Love
Nancy Evers

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DATES TO REMEMBER: (2009)

National American Legion Convention:

August 21-27, Louisville, Kentucky

Department of California:

June 18th – 21st, 2009, 91st Annual State Convention, Riverside, CA ****NOTE**** See below

Area I meetings:

February 14/15 – Haggan Grant Post 521, District 6

May 16/17 – Linda Post 807, District 4

Mighty "Fifth" District Meetings:

January 18, 2009 – Petaluma Post No. 28, Petaluma

March 8, 2009 – Reams Post No. 182, Suisun

May 31, 2009 – Twin Cities Post No. 313, Larkspur

Past Commander's Club:

Special Events:

May 25, 2009, Monday, Memorial Day events and ceremonies at various Posts and communities.

DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA STATE CONVENTION – JUNE 18-21, 2009 – RIVERSIDE, CA

Your 5th District has blocked out some rooms for the 2009 Convention. The hotel will be “The Comfort Inn” and its location is about one (1) mile from the convention center. If you would like to reserve a room, the deposit required is \$91.00. More information will be available at the District meeting.



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Survey – January 2009

Please take the time to fill out our Survey, and return or give to: 1stVice-Commander John Aldridge
2385 Burgandy Way, Fairfield, CA 94533 (707)208-5333 misterjohnhenry@comcast.net

- Post # _____ Name _____ Position _____
- E-mail (if any) _____ Telephone # () _____

1. What should be done to make District meetings more interesting enjoyable and meaningful to you?

2. Would you like to see more District Officers involved at your Post meetings? (Circle) Yes / No

3. Would your Post like to host a District meeting for 2009/20010? (Circle) Yes / No

September November January March May

4. If you need transportation to and from District meetings to ensure your attendance, have you considered car pooling? (Circle) Yes / No / N/A

If NO, please explain. _____

5. Please suggest ways to enhance the Districts overall effectiveness to better serve Posts. Thank you.

Please use the reverse side of this survey if necessary